

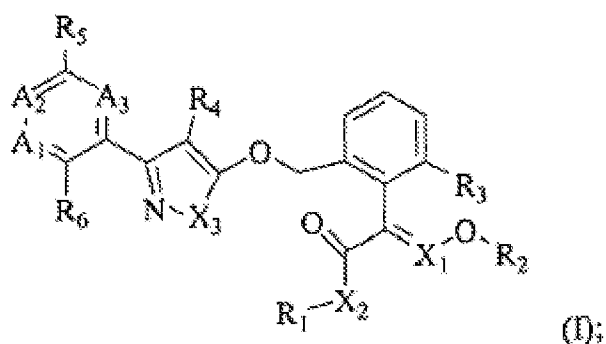
AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (New) A substituted azole compound of formula (I):



wherein

X₁ is CH;

X₂ is O;

X₃ is NR₈;

A₁ is CR₉;

A₂ is CR₁₀;

A₃ is CR₁₁;

R₁ and R₂ are CH₃;

R₃ is H;

R₈ is C₁-C₆alkyl;

R₄, R₅, R₆, R₉, R₁₀ and R₁₁ may be the same or different, selected from H, halo, CONH₂, CH₂CONH₂, CH₂CN, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆haloalkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxy, C₁-C₆haloalkoxy or C₁-C₆alkylthio;

and stereoisomer is *E* isomer.

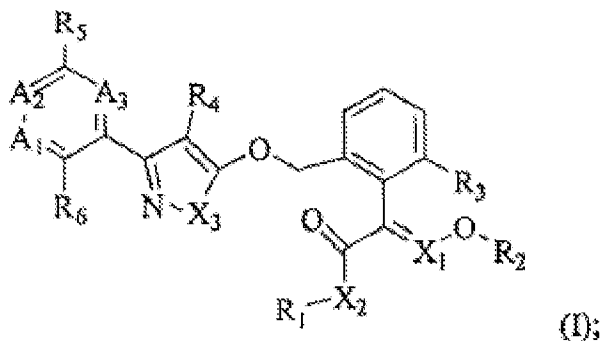
20. (New) The substituted azole compound according to the claim 19, wherein

R₈ is CH₃;

R₄ is H or CH₃;

R₅, R₆, R₉, R₁₀ and R₁₁ may be the same or different, selected from the group consisting of H, Cl, Br, F, C₁-C₂alkyl, C₁-C₂haloalkyl, C₁-C₂alkoxy, C₁-C₂haloalkoxy, and C₁-C₂alkylthio.

21. (New) A composition having as an active ingredient, a substituted azole compound of formula (I)



wherein

X₁ is CH;

X₂ is O;

X₃ is NR₈;

A₁ is CR₉;

A₂ is CR₁₀;

A₃ is CR₁₁;

R₁ and R₂ are CH₃;

R₃ is H;

R₈ is C₁-C₆alkyl;

R₄, R₅, R₆, R₉, R₁₀ and R₁₁ may be the same or different, selected from H, halo, CONH₂, CH₂CONH₂, CH₂CN, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆haloalkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxy, C₁-C₆haloalkoxy or C₁-C₆alkylthio; and the stereoisomer is *E* isomer;

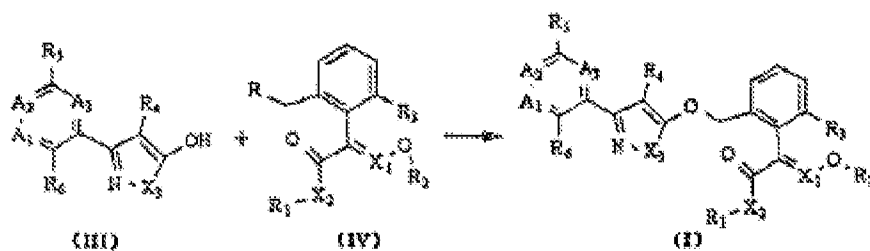
wherein the weight percentage of the active ingredient in the composition is from 0.1% to 99%.

22. (New) A method for controlling fungi and insects in a plant which comprises

administering the substituted azole compound of claim 19 to the plant.

23. (New) The method according to claim 21, wherein the substituted azole compound is administered in the form of a composition.

24. (New, Withdrawn) The substitute azole compound according to claim 19, made by a method which comprises reacting an azole compound containing hydroxyl group having general formula (III) with a halomethylbenzene having general formula (IV) in the presence of a base:



wherein: R is a leaving group.

25. (New, Withdrawn) The substitute azole compound according to claim 24, wherein the leaving group is Cl or Br.